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The Pao-T'ou Iron and Steel Plant is located at 40 39N - 109 46E approximately 12.5 nautical miles from the city of Pao-T'ou, China (Fig. 1).

The complex contains three by-products coke oven batteries and a by-products section, two blast furnaces, one open hearth furnace building (with at least five and possibly six open hearth furnaces), a thermal power plant, an ore processing complex, and numerous smaller associated buildings. Excavations and some construction for a soaking pit section, a blooming/slabbing mill, and a rolling mill are evident.

New structures and active construction observed between [] are shown on Figure 2 by solid lines. The rolling mill and soaking pits excavations appear unchanged since [] steam or smoke was observed emanating from one coke quenching tower, the by-products section, one open hearth furnace stack, and the thermal/power plant. Little rail traffic was observed.

[] (Figure 3) revealed continued construction activity. The blooming/slabbing mill appeared to be approximately 30% completed and the erection of the steel framework for the soaking pit section has begun. The long abandoned excavation for the rolling mill shows evidence of being made ready for construction. A new unidentified building appeared to be completed (See inset, Figure 3). Smoke was noted emanating from the three coke oven batteries, the by-products section, one blast furnace, one open hearth furnace stack (not the same stack as previously noted) and the thermal power plant. A small amount of rail traffic was observed.

At least nine small blast furnace installations are located within the Pao-T'ou industrial complex. The facilities at these plants are small in comparison with those normally found at iron and steel plants, therefore only this major installation is discussed.

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